

REMARKS

This responds to the Decision of the Patent Board of Appeals and Interferences.

Claim 25 is amended and claim 26 is cancelled; as a result, claims 1-3, 8-9, 11-14, 20, 22-25, and 27-30 are now pending in this application.

Applicant notes that in the Decision on Appeal mailed October 18, 2005, the Board reversed all present rejections of the pending claims. In the interest of expediting the application to issuance, and to relieve the Examiner of the need to reconsider claims 25 and 27 as required by the Board, Applicant submits a voluntary amendment incorporating the subject matter of claim 26 into claim 25. Applicant believes that the subject matter of amended claim 25 is patentable in view of the cited art of record and the Board's decision. Applicant makes the present amendment without prejudice or disclaimer and reserves the right to file further continuation applications regarding the subject matter recited in original claim 25.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 359-3267 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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